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# The Reel News



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## PRESIDENTS CASTINGS

Capt. Paul Gallup

Hello everyone, June is now upon us. This year sure seems to be flying by with out a doubt.

For those of you who don't know, we lost our last club president and life member Danny Del Rio unexpectedly last month due to an

unfortunate accident at his home. Danny, you will be missed for sure. Please keep his wife Gerry in your thoughts and prayers.

This month is our annual Past Presidents meeting is on June 6th. I do believe dinner will be a good old fashion shrimp boil.

On the fishing front, the captain of the year race is under way and off to a great start. Unfortunately for me, we had to cancel one of my favorite tournaments, the non-live tournament, due to weather on both days and my other favorite, the unlimited, due to a prior engagement.

The boards are also starting to fill up so if you've got a catch that will qualify for the board, get it

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This issue Dedicated to Danny Del Rio

April 23rd, we lost our Past President Danny Del Rio.

Danny was president of the JOSFC for the 2011 / 2012 year. He passed unexpectedly as a result of an in home accident.

Danny was one of those rare individuals that was liked by everyone. He was also a great President and was a credit to the JOSFC.

Please keep his wife Gerry in your prayers and we know that Danny is now fishing where the water is always calm, and the fish are biting.

Last Thursday we had Capt. Fred Morrow who was the very **FIRST** president of the JOSFC (54 years ago) honored at our club meeting. The JOSFC started the artificial reef program 54 years ago here off Jacksonville, ( Over 275 drops, both reefs and replenishments of existing reefs. ) About 15 years ago the Fed's decided that the permits could only be held by Cities, Counties, or States, so the City of Jacksonville took over the permits, but the JOSFC has stayed involved in the process, Surveying sites, getting reef material to drop, cleaning tugs &

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Captain Fred Continued  
 barges to meet EPA requirements for sinking and donating money to the Cities reef program. )

Because of our ongoing help, they gave the JOSFC the opportunity to name a new reef that they are going to put down. This is the first time we have ever had this opportunity.

At last Thursday's meeting Scott Shine from the Waterways Commission, ( The Cities Reef Program. ) came to our meeting and announced that a new reef that will be put down near Floyd's Folly will be named the Captain Fred J. Morrow Reef.

Capt. Fred was present to receive the honor in person. Capt. Fred is not in good health, and not getting out to fish any more, but we get the honor of his presents at an occasional meeting still.



Life Jackets, Yeah, I know you don't wear one most of the time, but maybe you should consider wearing one at least while the boat is underway!



On May 15th the Jacksonville Offshore Sports Fishing Club presented the City of Jacksonville \$1000 to support the Artificial Reef Project operated by the Waterways Committee.

This money is in support of the artificial reefs that are being placed in the St. John's River and the Ocean outside of Mayport. These reefs are put in place to provide food and shelter for all types of marine life.

JOSFC is a sporting association started in 1959 as a group of local fisherman committed to making offshore fishing in the Jacksonville area more exciting, reliable, safe and beneficial. Throughout the year the club holds internal and public tournaments and social activities as well as educational seminars. This club is for everyone, novice to pro, boat owner or not, young or seasoned.

For more information on the club, visit our website [www.jaxfish.com](http://www.jaxfish.com)



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## Very Important !

Due to the Kingfish Tournament and the 4th of July holiday, we will NOT meet at our regular dates!

**The First Meeting in July will be on Thursday, July 11th**

**The Second Meeting in July will be on Thursday, July 25th**

If you go on the First & Third Thursday's, you are going to be awfully lonely!

# BROKE BACK MULLET

## Part I

TONIGHT...EAST WINDS 25 TO 30 KNOTS WITH GUSTS TO 45 KNOTS.  
SEAS 9 TO 12 FEET. INLAND WATERS VERY ROUGH. SHOWERS LIKELY AND ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS IN THE EVENING...THEN SCATTERED SHOWERS AFTER MIDNIGHT.  
.SATURDAY...EAST WINDS 20 TO 25 KNOTS. SEAS 7 TO 10 FEET. INLAND WATERS ROUGH. SCATTERED SHOWERS IN THE MORNING...THEN SHOWERS LIKELY AND ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS IN THE AFTERNOON.  
.SATURDAY NIGHT...EAST WINDS 15 TO 20 KNOTS. SEAS 6 TO 8 FEET. INLAND WATERS CHOPPY. SCATTERED SHOWERS. - NOAA



So with this kind of news and radar that looks like a Salvador Dali painting, just what is a fisherman to do? Can your man handle the idleness of a Saturday

morning with not much to do in the outdoors? Ladies, are you alarmed if you find your fisherman sitting around a table handling his mullet? Would those alarm bells go off if he picks up and heads out to go shopping? If he told you that he was going shopping to accessorize could you catch flies with that wide open jaw? Then maybe you should look at this a bonding moment. It is not a crisis in your life but this is an opportunity to help explore your fisherman's truer, deeper identity.

Your shopping experience might just surprise you. He would love to have your input on finding that perfect skirt to go with his mullet. Do not let anyone tell you that men, real men, hate to go skirt shopping. Real men love to buy skirts. Skirts come in some many colors: pinks, reds, blues, greens, yellows, purple and even blacks. Even these have many variances on the colors and shadings of each. With so many colors to

choose from, a fisherman needs to have the sage advice from one who knows just how to accessorize. Is the mood he is trying to set something light & festive in which a white & pink or a green & yellow combination maybe more appropriate; however, if the mood is a little heavier then would a black & purple or a black & red combination fit better. Besides the variety of colors, there is a variety of materials to select as well. Should the mullet be dressed in feathers or will a plastic/ neoprene fit look better. After the color and material is chosen, what kind of flash does your man's mullet need? Should it have a sparkly head or a head that makes a lot of splash? There are several different options to choose from even the option of having your man's mullet go naked. Concave vs. convex. Knowing how the head will function lets you into your fisherman's inner circle a few more feet at a time. Will he like to drag with smoke trails or drag his mullet just under the surface? You know your fisherman better than anyone else, so you know what he is looking for to impress his buddies!

Once the mullet is fully decked out with the latest accessories, your man's mullet has to be finished off. So once again, you might find your fisherman sitting around the table handling his mullet thinking of just how to rig it. The mullet needs to be bound so then this opens up another series of decisions. Depending upon who or what the target is, he may be considering using either mono or wiring. If it's a toothy critter then definitely use the wire on the mullet. For anything less, then tie up that mullet with mono. A set of crimps is necessary to tie off the mullet; however, in order to keep that mullet acting right do not forget the chin weight. The chin weight should match up to the size of the mullet. As fisherman, we also overstate the size of our fish so know this, if the weight is too light then your mullet may spin and if it is too heavy then the mullet will run deeper than he wants it to and this will change the action on the mullet.

In order to complete the rigging of your mullet, the size of the hook is important. The hook size is directly portioned to the size of the mullet and the targeted species. We need to know just what mullet uses a 12 ought and which will use a 6 ought. The sharpness of the hook reflects the mouth of the targeted species. For bill fish, differently use the laser sharpened hooks for better penetrating power. For rigging your ensemble, the hook



## Top's Tips Safety First

Top Ingram  
Safety Officer

With two offshore tournaments in May; the May Trolling Tournament and the Unlimited Trolling Tournament, all Captains should have given a lot of thought to making sure the boat and equipment will perform satisfactorily and safely before heading out to the favorite spot offshore. We also need to have a float plan to make sure that someone knows where to look for us, and what will happen, if our equipment fails us while off shore.

The first thing you need to do to make sure that your outing on the water begins and ends safely is to develop a float plan and leave it with your spouse, significant other, some other reliable person, or your marina. Ask the custodian of the plan to contact the Coast Guard or other local authority if you do not return by the indicated time on the plan.

A news article that appeared in the local paper headlined "High drama, high seas" told the story of a local boater on a 35-foot Viking and how a float plan and the proper equipment on board prevented a loss of life. The boater had filed a float plan, left it with his wife and was proceeding to his destination about 30 miles offshore when a fire broke out and destroyed the boat. Fortunately, the boater had not only filed a proper float plan, but had extra safety equipment on board such as an EPIRB, life raft, ditch bag and hand held radios.

After the crew abandoned the boat, continued to send a MAYDAY message, and the EPIRB was activated, the Coast Guard contacted the boater's wife to verify certain facts. The wife advised the Coast Guard that if the EPIRB was on, the crew was in trouble. A boat that had seen the smoke came to check and advised the Coast Guard it would stand by until they arrived on scene as their boat was too small to take all the crew on board. Remember, if you have an EPIRB, make sure it is registered so there will be a contact person listed in case it is turned on in an emergency. There have been cases where an EPIRB was purchased, not registered and when activated was useless. The following statement by this

boat captain is one all of us should follow: "If I tell my wife we'll be in by 8:30, and we're not in, and she hasn't heard from me – don't start worrying, start calling the Coast Guard."

Hopefully, the above experience will remind all of us to file a float plan before we leave home for the launch ramp. The float plan should contain your name, address, phone number, name and description of your vessel, names of other persons on board, trip details including geographical location of your destination, the route you will take to get there, and/or GPS numbers if possible, time of return and time to call local authorities or Coast Guard if you do not return by the scheduled time. A properly executed float plan could be a lifesaver in an emergency if you have to abandon your vessel at sea, or break down, with no power for your radio to communicate your location and notify someone of your need for help.

The local Coast Guard station phone number is 904-564-7592. Make sure the person who has your float plan has this phone number, or put it on your float plan. A properly executed float plan would enable the person in custody of the float plan to initiate a timely search for you if you did not return by the time specified. Time could be a critical factor in saving your life in a real emergency. A sample float plan form for your use is available in the boating safety materials rack at the Mayport clubhouse.

However, if you prefer, you can go to [www.floatplangenerator.com](http://www.floatplangenerator.com), We have that link on our Web site under "Fishing Links" Download a form and create your own personalized float plan, and file a plan on line with the web site for no charge.

File a float plan each time you go boating / fishing to help ensure your safety on the water. May you continue to enjoy safe boating throughout the year.

Top Ingram  
Fish Tales



I just love seeing those Kayak fishermen feeding the fish!

Broke Back Mullet Continued

is then inserted into the head of the mullet while the leader is passed through a hole in the top of your mullet created by taking an ice pick and stabbing the mullet head with a single powerful strike. It is important to have the leader pass through the hole in the head of the mullet and through the eye of the hook. The weight is applied to the tag end of the leader so the weight comes under the chin of the mullet thus your mullet is ready to be crimped tight. The chosen accessories are applied before and in front of your mullets head. Now if the weather cooperates, we will see if there are any takers for your split-tail mullet.

Best Wishes for Fishing,  
Rob Darner

**Car for Sale.**

JOSFC Life member Top Ingram has a 1993 Ford Taurus with 97,000 Miles on it. The car runs great, and has been well cared for. It has 4 new tires, new wiper blades and does not use any oil. It is a great car for someone that need a reliable car for transportation. He is selling it because his wife can't drive any more, and he would rather see it go to a good home, than just sit and not be used. Top is asking only \$1,900 for it. Call him at 904-737-9854.



Remember, we need to support the businesses that support our club!

Presidents Castings Continued

up there. I'm also starting to see a lot of new members and visitors at the club house which is great.

This past month, we (the JOSFC) made a donation to the Jacksonville Waterways Commission downtown and the council members were ecstatic! The next night, Scott Shine (from the waterways commission) came out to the club house and told us that there will be a new drop made this summer in the Floyd's Folly area and it will be named after none other than our very first president Capt. Fred J Morrow. Capt Fred was there when the announcement was made as well as his family.

The fishing offshore has been on fire recently now that the weather has straightened up. I have heard first hand of numerous boats heading out to the deep water and getting catches of 20-30 mahi and a friend of mine fishing a bit south came back in with 45 with the biggest being a 43 lb slob!! I also personally know of a 51, 47, another 43, a 42 and several fish in the 30's. That's gonna take a lot of blackening seasoning and cornmeal!! There are also quite a few Wahoo being caught. In a little closer, grouper are opened back up as well as the Vermillion snapper and the ones that are being caught are some golly whoppers! Sea bass open up this month as well and the reports that I'm hearing is that there thick as fleas on a hound dog and are of really good size, meaning in the 2-4 lb range. To me, that's one of the beat eatin fish that swims.

Until next time fair winds and following seas!  
Capt. Paul Gallup!



**Loud Hailings**  
Newsletter Editor  
Bill Breen

Our Program Director, says that if you have a suggestion for a guest speaker or know anyone he can trick into giving a talk at the club, be sure to give him their name so he can contact them. Lets help Will out!

I really like to feature PICTURES of club members with some good catches. Either give me a hardcopy at a meeting (I will return it to you) or Phone, or E-mail me your pictures at: PH# 904-254-2791 [breenw@bellsouth.net](mailto:breenw@bellsouth.net) Don't forget to include your name spelled correctly and the fish weight.

Anyone can submit an article for the Reel News just send or give it to me at any time.

All of you who are familiar with boat name....SEA DANCER & Capt. Dennis Young.....will know how much fun we had on Saturday.....IT IS ALWAYS A BLAST! Not pictured were several b-liners, triggers big sea bass, + amber jacks.....all the red snappers, sea bass + jacks were catch + release.....enjoy!!!!



Chuck Darner & Captain Dennis Young I think that is was very nice of Capt. Dennis to let Chuck hold that big Grouper Dennis caught!



Bill Wilderotter & Capt. Young with another of those extinct Big Red Snapper that they had to release.



Above is Mike Murphy with another nice imaginary Red Snapper, and below is Mike Watts holding yet another of those pesky fish that keep stealing all your bait! Seriously, those are some nice fish guys.



### New Reef Book !

I am happy to say that "North Florida Reefs" has finally been published. It is a full color, hand-held reef and marine life guide to many of the reefs off Jacksonville and St. Augustine. The offshore fishing community should find it to be a great visual resource.

The webpage [www.NorthFloridaReefs.com](http://www.NorthFloridaReefs.com) provides a sample demonstration of the publication and the opportunity to order copies. The book is also currently available at Strike Zone, Divers Supply, and Scuba Station.

Thanks Joe at TISIRI

| Sun   | Mon   | Tues  | Wed   | Thur  | Fri   | Sat   |  |
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|   |   | June  |   |   |   |   | 1<br> |
| 2<br>                                  | 3<br>Board Meeting<br> | 4<br>    | 5<br>    | 6<br>Club Past Presidents & Birthday Pot-Luck Party<br> | 7<br>    | 8<br>Hook Kids on Fishing @ Metro Park 8:30 AM<br> |  |
| 9<br>                                   | 10<br>                 | 11<br>   | 12<br>   | 13<br>  | 14<br>   | 15<br>   |  |
| 16<br>Junior Angler Tournament<br>    | 17<br>                | 18<br>  | 19<br>  | 20<br>Club Meeting<br>                                 | 21<br>  | 22<br>  |  |
| 23<br>                                | 24<br>               | 25<br> | 26<br> | 27<br>  | 28<br> | 29<br>   |  |
| 30<br>Kingfish Tuneup Tournament<br> |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |

- Coming Events:**
- June 3rd - Board Meeting
  - June 6th - Club Annual Past Presidents & Birthday Party
  - June 8th - Hook Kids on Fishing @ Metro Park 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM
  - June 16th - Junior Angler Tournament
  - June 20th - Club Meeting
  - June 30th - Kingfish Tuneup Tournament

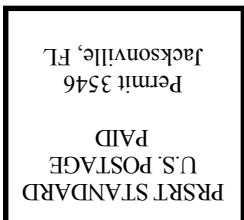
**Tournament Schedule for 2013**

| Tournament                        | Month     | -Date / Alternate             |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|
|                                   | Saturday  | Sunday                        |
| The Junior Angler Tournament -    | June      | ----- 16 / 23 - Paul Gallup   |
| The Kingfish Tune-Up Tournament - | June      | ----- 30 --- Dale Shelton     |
| Kingfish Weather Date             | July      | ----- 6                       |
| The Powder Puff Tournament -      | August    | ----- 11 / 18 -- Laura Ogin   |
| The Light Tackle Tournament -     | August    | ----- 24 ----- Alan Shepard   |
| Light Tackle Weather Date         | September | ----- 1                       |
| The Bottom Tournament -           | September | ----- 7 ----- 15 -- Jack Ogin |

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